## The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

## NUMBER 21 of 2012

WHEREAS, the United Nations was founded in 1945, and the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter came into force is observed each year on October 24, and

WHEREAS, the central role of the United Nations is to promote peace and security, development and human rights around the world, and is vital now more than ever; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations 2015 Millennium Development Goals includes the goal of promoting gender equality and empowering women; and

WHEREAS, 70% of the world's poor are women; and

WHEREAS, in the developing world nearly 1 out of 5 girls who enrolls in primary school does not complete her education; and

WHEREAS, every minute of every day a woman dies from complications of pregnancy or childbirth; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County Chapter of the United Nations Association and its Council of Organizations have declared Gender Equality as a humanitarian issue and chose it as its theme for the 2012 United Nations Day commemoration; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Monday, October 24, 2012 as United Nations Day in Centre County and the citizens of Centre County, Pennsylvania are encouraged to participate in local activities related to United Nations Day and support the Centre County Chapter's projects which focus on promoting gender equality and empowering women.

ADOPTED this 16th day of October, 2012

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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